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ORNAMENTAL FISH EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Marine Products Exports Development Authority has formulated scheme to entire the global ornamental fish market by tapping the resources within the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total ornamental fish export of country in relation to world trade; and

(d) the potential of the country in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (b) : Yes, Sir. With a view to facilitate increase in exports of ornamental fish from the country, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has launched promotional schemes under which a developmental assistance of 10% of FOB value of ornamental fish exports subject to a limit of Rs.2 lakh per exporter per annum is given and a subsidy of Rs.40,000/- is extended to entrepreneurs for setting up breeding units with a minimum production capacity of 5 lakh fries/annum.

(c) During 1998, export of ornamental fish from India amounted to US $ 0.25 million against the world export trade of more than US $ 173.87 Million. (Source: MPEDA).

(d) The riverine systems of North, North Eastern and Southern States have ornamental fish resources.However, the export potential thereof has not been quantified through scientific studies.